

Egremont Conservation Commission

Meeting January 14, 2021

Members present virtually: Tynan, Seligman, Fakelman, Riordan, Campbell, Frater (Associate)

Guests present virtually: Bixby, Parsons, Magnotti, Purdy, Piasecki, Raza, DiNunzio, Currier, Rosengren, Hong Pham.

Called to order 5:31 p.m.

Reading of Governor's advisory re: Zoom meetings

Approval of the minutes of December 17 and January 8

Public Hearings:

Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) by State Department of Transportation regarding Stormwater Drainage Maintenance, 171 Hillsdale Road, said work involving an intermittent stream and subject to the WPA. Hearing opened 5:33 p.m. Approved with Standard Conditions. Site visit TBD. Hearing closed 5:40 p.m.

Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) by Mark and Laura Urken, 27 Baldwin Hill Road East, regarding installation of a pool and pool house within 45 feet of bordering vegetated wetlands (BVW). Hearing opened 5:42 p.m. New site plan submitted showing location for temporary storage of construction materials and removal and filtration of groundwater as needed. Project to commence in drier weather. Additional straw wattles to be installed along driveway through wetlands. Work plan sequence to be provided Concom for site visit scheduling. Project approved, 4 in favor, 1 opposed, with Standard Conditions and Special Conditions as specified above. Hearing closed 6:15 p.m.

Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) by Ellen and Richard Gray, 52 Sheffield Road, regarding a one-story addition to an existing dwelling, said addition lying within 100 feet of bordering vegetated wetland (BVW). Hearing opened 6:16 p.m. New site plan presented with significant modifications. Hearing to be continued to January 28, with new site visit in the interim. Applicant to provide work plan sequence and list of native plants for proposed rain garden. Hearing continued 6:34 p.m.

Projects New and Continuing:

State DEP investigation of possible Non-compliance with Water Quality Certification, 74 Jug End Road. DEP has not provided an update.

Forest Cutting Plan continuation, 65 Rowe Road. No action required.

Notification for Jacobs regarding NOI filing for Mass DOT Routes 23/41 project. Hearing scheduled for February 11, 2021.

Correspondence:

Western Mass Region Circuit Rider Newsletter

Receipt of Mass Wildlife Monthly

DEP Guidance for Conservation Commissions and Applicants for Submissions during Mass DEP Office Closures (12/22).

Inquiry from Becket Concom (Dave Johnson) regarding possible county wide Concom Council. Tynan will sign on.

Administrative:

Consideration of appointment of candidate Shannon Poulin to advertised Clerk position with Concom. Concom recommends her appointment by the BoS. Concom recommends salary to be set at \$18.50/hr, in line with candidate's qualifications and in keeping with similar advertised Police Department position. Tynan will update FY21 budget request to reflect increased salary.

Report on Building Permits. Tynan has signed off.

Adjournment 6:57 p.m.

Next regularly scheduled meetings: January 28, 2021 and February 11, 2021.

Respectfully submitted, David Seligman